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In Re Application of

Janie McKittrick

Group Art Unit: Unknown

Examiner: Unknown

Prior Serial No.: 08/614,158

Atty Docket No.: 6339

Filed: Herewith

Title: RAKE HAVING
ENHANCED LEVERAGE

**TRANSMITTAL OF
APPLICATION UNDER
37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) and
PRELIMINARY
AMENDMENT**

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR §1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 08/614,158 filed on March 8, 1996 of Janie McKittrick for **Rake Having Enhanced Leverage**. Enclosed are the following items:

- A copy of the prior application (9 pages containing specification, 2 pages containing original claims, 1 page abstract, 1 page cover Sheet, and 2 pages of informal drawings) from Ser. No. 08/614,158, filed March 8, 1996;
- A copy of the oath or declaration as originally filed;
- A copy of the Revocation and New Power of Attorney as originally filed;
- A copy of the Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status as originally filed;
- A check in the amount of \$ 395.00 to cover the filing fee for the continuation application and Preliminary Amendment (calculation shown below);

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- Preliminary Amendment;
- Submission of Proposed Drawing Amendments for Approval by Examiner, 37 C.F.R. 1.123; and
- Return Receipt Postcard.

Verification Under 37 C.F.R. §1.53

I hereby verify that the enclosed prior application is a true copy of the prior application (including the specification, original claims, abstract, and drawings). This application was originally filed March 8, 1996 (Serial No. 08/614,158). I also hereby verify that the enclosed copy of the oath or declaration is a true copy of the oath or declaration filed in the original application (Ser. No. 08/614,158).

Inventorship Statement

The inventor in this application is the same as the one in the prior copending U.S. application (Ser. No. 08/614,158) from which this application claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120.

Assignee

The prior application is not assigned.

Power Of Attorney

The power of attorney in the prior application was originally granted to Terrance L. Siemens, Reg. No. 32,382. This Power of Attorney was revoked and subsequently granted to Ronald J. Brown, Reg. No. 29,016; David E. Bruhn, Reg. No. 36,762; Eugene L. Johnson, Reg. No. 21,028; David N. Fronek, Reg. No. 25,678; Stuart R. Hemphill, Reg. No. 28,084; Devan V. Padmanabhan, Reg. No. 38,262; Mark A. Wolfe, Reg. No. 36,311; Kenneth E. Levitt, Reg. No. 39,747; Erik R. Nordstrom, Reg. No. 39,792; Gerald H. Sullivan, Reg. No. 37,243; and Jon F. Tuttle, Reg. No. 25,713, all of Dorsey & Whitney LLP, 220 South Sixth Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402-1498.

Copies of the original power of attorney and revocation/new power of attorney are enclosed herein.

Address For Future Correspondence

Address all future communications to: Devan Padmanabhan, Dorsey & Whitney LLP, 220 South Sixth Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402, (612) 343-7990.

Amendment and Cancellation of Claims

Amend the specification by inserting as the first sentence on page 1 before the BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION the following: This is a continuation of copending application Serial No. 08/614,158, filed March 8, 1996.

Please cancel claims 5 and 6 and further amend the application in accordance with the enclosed Preliminary Amendment.

Filing Fee Calculation

The filing fee is based on the claims as filed in the prior application and also taking into account the claims canceled above:

				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small Entity		<input type="checkbox"/> Other than Small Entity	
Basic Filing Fee					\$395.00		\$790.00
Additional Fees:				(rate)		(rate)	
Total Claims		No. Extra	0	\$11.00		\$22.00	
Indep. Claims		No. Extra	0	\$41.00		\$82.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple dependent claim presented				\$135.00		\$270.00	
BASIC FILING FEE TOTAL					\$395.00		

Preliminary Amendment

A Preliminary Amendment is also enclosed, in which additional claims have been added. The fee for the Preliminary Amendment has been calculated as follows:

				<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity		<input type="checkbox"/> Other than Small Entity	
Total Claims	9	No. Extra	0	\$11.00	\$0.00	\$22.00	
Indep. Claims	2	No. Extra	0	\$41.00	\$0.00	\$82.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple dependent claim presented				\$135.00		\$270.00	
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TOTAL					\$0.00		
**TOTAL					\$395.00		

Deposit Account Authorization

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 04-1420. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

Janie McKittrick

Dated: May 6, 1998

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SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED DRAWING AMENDMENTS FOR APPROVAL BY
EXAMINER (37 CFR 1.123)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington D.C. 20231

Dear Sir/Madam:

Attached please find a copy of original Figure 2 marked to highlight the
proposed change to the drawing for which the approval of the Examiner is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Janie McKittrick

Date: May 6, 1998

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